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## **CHAIRMAN WHEELER NAMES TWELVE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY**

**CC Docket No. 96-45**  
**CC Docket No. 97-21**

Effective November 1, 2015, Chairman Tom Wheeler appoints twelve members to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). In a public notice released July 16, 2015, the Wireline Competition Bureau solicited nominations for the Board member positions listed below in accordance with section 54.703(c) of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup>

Chairman Wheeler appoints the following persons to the USAC Board of Directors to fill Board positions with terms that expired on December 31, 2013:

- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (Bell Operating Companies): Joel Lubin, Consultant, AT&T;
- Representative for libraries that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission's rules: Robert Bocher, Consultant, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction;
- Representative for state consumer advocates: Wayne Jortner, Attorney, State of New Hampshire, Office of Consumer Advocate;
- Representative for commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers: Matt Gerst, Director for Regulatory Affairs, CTIA – The Wireless Association;
- Representative for cable operators: Jose Jimenez, Executive Director, Cox Communications, Inc.; and
- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission's rules: Daniel A. Domenech, Executive Director, American Association of School Administrators (AASA).

Chairman Wheeler appoints the following persons to the USAC Board of Directors to fill Board positions with terms that expired on December 31, 2014:

- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission's rules: Brian L. Talbott, Ph.D., Executive Director Emeritus, Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA);
- Representative for low-income consumers: Ellis Jacobs, Senior Attorney, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.;

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<sup>1</sup> *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Twelve Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 7328 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. July 16, 2015).

- Representative for competitive local exchange carriers: Joseph Gillan, Economic Consulting, Gillan Associates;
- Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive supported services pursuant to section 54.601: Katharine Hsu Wibberly, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center.
- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (non-Bell Operating Companies) with \$40 million or less in annual revenues: Geoffrey A. Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications Association; and
- Representative for interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of \$3 billion or less: Atilla Tinic, Vice President of IT, Level 3.

Given that the USAC Board will hold its next Board meeting October 27, 2015, it would be difficult to integrate new Board members prior to the upcoming meeting. As a result, these appointments are effective November 1, 2015. To maintain three-year staggered terms among all of the Board members, these twelve members are appointed for the remainder of the terms for the Board positions in which they are selected.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The six Board members appointed for the positions that expired on December 31, 2013 will have terms that expire December 31, 2016 and the six Board members appointed for the positions that expired on December 31, 2014 will have terms that expire December 31, 2017.